Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for attracting an animal comprising:

means for generating a sound imitating a sound of a footfall of the animal, said means including a spring having a first end and a second end, said first end attached to a blunt for selectively moving the blunt vertically for striking a surface, and said second end attached to an anchor.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the blunt further comprises:

a substantially hemispherical surface contacting the surface when struck.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the blunt defines a sphere.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 5 1, wherein means further comprises a spring, wherein the spring at least partially extends along a substantially arcuate path.

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 6 1 wherein the spring at least partially extends along a substantially straight path.

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising: means for remotely engaging the sound generating means.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 2̶ 1̲ wherein m̶e̶a̶n̶s̶ f̶u̶r̶t̶h̶e̶r̶ ̶c̶o̶m̶p̶r̶i̶s̶e̶s̶:̶

the spring includes a plurality of elastic cords communicating with the blunt.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1̶0̶ 13̲ wherein at least a portion of the positioning means is flexible.

12. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1̶0̶ 13̲ wherein at least a portion of the positioning means is resilient.

13. (Currently Amended) T̶h̶e̶ ̶a̶p̶p̶a̶r̶a̶t̶u̶s̶ ̶o̶f̶ ̶c̶l̶a̶i̶m̶ ̶1̶0̶ An apparatus for attracting an animal comprising:

means for generating a sound imitating the sound of a footfall of the animal, sound operating means including a blunt operable to selectively strike the ground and means for positioning the blunt relative to the ground wherein positioning means further comprises:

a spring having a first end and a second end, the spring engageable with respect to the blunt at the first end; and

an anchor engageable with the second end of the spring and positionable with respect to the ground.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the anchor is removably engageable with respect to the ground.

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the second end is immovably associated with respect to the s̶u̶r̶f̶a̶c̶e̶ ground when the anchor is engaged with respect to the ground.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising:

means for remotely biasing the spring.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein biasing means further comprises:

a cord engageable with the spring.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~10~~ 13 wherein positioning means further comprises:

a plurality of anchors positionable with respect to the ground; and

a plurality of elastic cords, each cord engageable with respect to the blunt and with respect to at least one of the plurality of anchors.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for attracting an animal comprising the step of:

generating a sound which imitates a sound of a footfall of the animal with sound generating means; and

positioning a blunt spaced from the surface with a spring, the spring having a first end and a second end, the blunt engaged with the first end of the spring.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19 further comprising the step of: remotely engaging sound generating means.

21. (Cancelled).

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~21~~ 19 wherein the sound generating step further comprises the step of:

fixedly positioning the second end of the spring relative to the surface.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~22~~ 19 wherein the sound generating step further comprises the step of:

biasing the spring away from the surface with biasing means.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the sound generating step further comprises the step:

releasing the spring with respect to biasing means; and

striking the surface with the blunt.

25. (New) An apparatus for attracting an animal comprising:

means for generating a sound which imitates a sound of a footfall of the animal with sound generating means; and

a blunt spaced from a surface with a spring, the spring having a first end attached to the blunt and a second end positioned relative to the surface.